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Bride and Groom Coming.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Oglesby, nee Miss Mary Alice Eaton, for the past two years making her home with her aunt, Mrs. R. F. Adams in this city, and whose marriage to Mr. Oglesby was an event of last Wednesday at Quitman, Ga., are expected to arrive in Palatka for a brief stay on New Year's day, when they will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Adams. An account of the wedding will be found on the 7th page of this paper, as the bride was born and raised to young womanhood in Crescent City.

Additional information comes to The News to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Oglesby were the recipients of many costly and beautiful presents.

Leap Year Dance.

Miss Vinita Trombley gave a most enjoyable leap year dancing party, Tuesday evening, to about twenty of her young friends. The invited misses were privileged to invite their male escorts and the young people made merry till a late hour. Punch was served throughout the evening, and a chicken salad course was partaken of at 11 o'clock. Music for the dancing was furnished by a Victrola. The decorations were most artistic in their arrangement and consisted of an abundance of holly, mistletoe, ivy, Christmas bells and red and green crepe paper festoons. Miss Marion Miller and Josephine Weiss of St. Augustine were out of town guests.

Stag Dinner.

Mrs. J. E. Lucas gave a 6 o'clock turkey dinner Wednesday evening in honor of her nephews, Stewart and Joe Haw of St. Louis. Poinsettias formed the central table decoration and were most artistically arranged. Covers were laid for twelve the guests including Davis Lane, Harlan Hickman, Fred Leeks, Jack Merriam, Bobbie Bruce, Lew Barstow, Tim Merrill, Mercer Davis, Warren Sleaf, Lewis Leach of Green Cove Springs, Stewart and Joe Haw of St. Louis.

At the Baptist Church.

At the regular morning hour (11 a. m.) at the Baptist church next Sunday there will be a special service featuring the work of the women. The evening service, 7:30 p. m., will be appropriate to the New Year. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Bonsteel will preach at both services. The B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:30 p. m. Visitors are welcome to all services.

Rev. T. F. Hendon, Efficiency Secretary of the State Board of Missions will be with the Palatka church for the week beginning January 2d. Services every evening at 7:30.

The W. M. U. will observe the Week of Prayer every afternoon of next week at 3 o'clock.

The Florida Baptist Convention will meet at Orlando on January 9th, remaining in session for three days. The pastor and several delegates will be in attendance as representatives of the Palatka church.

MERCHANTS DID BIG CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

In Palatka Despite the Inclement Weather of Two Days.

The week before Christmas, regarded by merchants all over the country as the best trading season of the year, despite the two days of almost incessant rain, was evidently the best season for business Palatka merchants ever experienced. On Friday and Saturday the crowds on the streets were record breakers and trading was sharp and brisk. The same may be said of Tuesday, when the air had a tinge of frost and to many was an ideal day for the pre-Christmas season.

Wednesday the rain came down early in the afternoon and kept coming until after dark. Thursday all afternoon there was a regular cloudburst. The rain started soon after 2 o'clock and fell in a continuous torrent until long after ten o'clock at night. Water several inches deep flowed down the brick paved streets from curb to curb and it was impossible for people to get out.

The roads between here and Hastings and other points on the east side of the river were in places impassable and word was sent out which put "the kibosh" on any hoped for trade from that section. Not over half a dozen automobiles were in the city from points on the peninsula, Pomona, Crescent City, etc., a section that usually contributes much to Palatka's Christmas trade in ordinary times.

Yet despite these embarrassing conditions, business was better than ever before known. The News man interviewed a few of the leading merchants and here is what they had to say:

J. H. Houghton—We had a splendid business all the week and our sales will go way ahead of any previous year. On Saturday there was a rush.

Ackerman-Stewart—There was a steady business all the week and our clerks were kept busy. The sales went way ahead of former years, but we attributed it to the natural increase.

L. A. Smith—We were rushed to death, especially on Friday and Saturday; business was way ahead of former years.

M. S. Brown—We had a splendid business all the week, and despite the inclement weather the daily average was good. Friday and Saturday were splendid days; yes, I think much better than last year. In addition, business has been good all this week, our daily sales going way ahead of the after Christmas days last year.

Tilghman Hardware Co.—Yes, we had a fine business, better than last year. I expect we lost some small trade in Christmas specialties because of the removal of the postoffice, though that will not make any difference in the year's business, not to us, though the transients do not pass our door now as formerly.

Fearnside Clothing Co.—We had a tremendous trade, the biggest in the history of the business; even on Wednesday during the rain our force was kept busy. On Tuesday and Friday and Saturday we were simply swamped—this in spite of the fact that many of our best out-of-town customers found it impossible to get to Palatka over the bad roads.

The Earnest Company—Yes, our business was great; way ahead of last year; during the rainy days of the week we ran way ahead in sales of our ordinary business days. But during the clear days we were simply driven to exhaustion waiting on the trade. It was the biggest pre-Christmas business we ever had—fully 50 per cent ahead of any previous year. We certainly have reason to feel gratified; we are gratified.

C. E. Rowton—Biggest business we ever had; will go 100 per cent ahead of last year. Business began two or three weeks ago with us and piled in on us in increasing quantities every day; even the rain didn't seem to interfere with our trade.

"The Fashion"—Of course this was our first year in Palatka and there is nothing we can use for a business comparison, but we made our estimate for a possible Christmas trade, and we were liberal, but the actual results went way ahead of our estimate. Satisfied? Well, we should say so.

Palatka Stationery Co.—We had a splendid business all through the week, especially during the clear days. We practically sold out everything of a character designed for holiday gifts. We had made an estimate of our probable Christmas business, but we went so far ahead of the estimate that we are ashamed of our little faith. Among the surprises was the way the people are ordering Edison phonographs—these machines are recognized as being way ahead of anything in the line. They are Edison's latest contribution to the world's pleasure.

J. H. Yelverton, Jr., furniture—We had a good business, especially on Friday and Saturday, but as I left home the following day and only returned, I have not been able to figure out and say how much, if any, it exceeds that of last year. But we had a very satisfactory business.

C. J. Smith, jeweler—We had a fine business, much better than last year; fact is it is getting better every year,

CAPT. PRITCHARD OF EAST COAST R'Y

Dies at Colorado Springs—Funeral Here on Sunday Afternoon.

Capt. Thos. L. Pritchard one of the best-known conductors of the Flagler System, died at Colorado Springs, Colo., last Sunday. News of his death came with crushing suddenness later in the day to his wife at her home in St. Augustine, and from her to members of the family in this city.

Capt. Pritchard had been at Colorado Springs for several months, sent there on advice of his physician for incipient tuberculosis of the throat. His wife and five children remained at their home in St. Augustine.

Deceased was a native of Aberdeen, Md., and was born on January 1st, 1872, consequently had he lived to next Monday would have been 45 years of age. He came to Palatka as a young man some 24 years ago and a year later married Miss Mary Martha Lannigan, a niece of Mrs. M. Shelley, Mrs. Mary Jennings and Miss Kate Lucas of this city, Mrs. W. A. Merryday of Seabreeze, Capt. J. E. Lucas of this city and Wm. H. Lucas of Jacksonville. He lived here a number of years and was very popular especially in baseball circles.

For the past 22 years he had been constantly in the employ of the Florida East Coast Railway (Flagler System) and at the time of his death was second in seniority among the conductors of the system. Some seven or eight years ago Capt. Pritchard left Palatka with his family and went to St. Augustine, the move being made more for convenience in his work.

He was prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Palatka Lodge No. 23; St. Augustine Chapter No. 17, Morocco Temple in Jacksonville, and St. Augustine Commandery No. 10 Knights Templar. He was also a member of the St. Augustine Lodge of Elks.

Besides his wife and five children, he is survived by his father still living at Aberdeen, Md., one brother, G. O. Pritchard of Jacksonville, and two sisters, Mrs. Aitchison of St. Augustine and Mrs. G. W. Evans of Aberdeen, Md.

Capt. Pritchard's body will arrive in Palatka on Saturday about noon and will be taken in charge by Moonsey & Davis, who will take it to the home of Mrs. Mary S. Jennings on Fourth street. The funeral services at her home in the afternoon will be conducted by Rev. S. Grady of the Methodist church. The Masonic order will attend in a body and will have charge of the services at the grave in West View cemetery.

It is thought that many of Capt. Pritchard's associates on the East Coast R'y will attend and that many representatives from St. Augustine and Jacksonville will also attend the funeral.

Capt. Pritchard's death is deeply felt by his numerous old friends in this city and much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved wife and little ones.

VON ENGELKEN SLATED FOR SECRETARYSHIP.

A special to the Florida Metropolis from its staff correspondent in Washington Wednesday evening stated that the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, W. P. Malburn of Denver, Colorado, is going to resign in a short time and that F. J. H. von Engelken of Palatka, Fla., the present Director of the United States Mint, was slated to succeed him.

Mr. von Engelken was never a politician but he has given much time to the study of financial problems, especially in connection with the government's rural credit system recently enacted into law and upon the board of managers of which he was naturally, because of his activity in the original research, picked for a place. Because of Florida's certain democratic standing in the late election, members of this board however were taken from doubtful states, and Mr. von Engelken was appointed by the president Director of the Mint. Mrs. von Engelken is the diplomat and politician of the family, and as she is also in Washington and is a very charming woman, bound to have an influence socially, it is not surprising to Palatkans that her distinguished husband should be slated for a more responsible position in the administration.

After extensive tests French experts decide that modern violins are equal in tone to, if not better than, old ones of great reputation.

but this year it went way ahead of our expectations.

E. W. Elliott, Economy Grocery—Business was fine; we weren't in it last year but our trade has more than doubled what it was when we took it. We could not have done more business during Christmas week without driving us non compos mentis. Sure, we're satisfied.

CROOKS GALORE FOLLOWED CARNIVAL

And Kept Police Busy Protecting the People of Palatka.

The News wouldn't have said a word about it had it not been for the fact that one local publication spoke of the outfit as "all men of honest dealing" and their shows as "good, clean amusement." Some of them were; there is joy in the merry-go-round, the Ferris wheel, the goat show and perhaps some others.

But the show was followed by a host of crooks and "con men," skin-game gamblers and thieves, and had it not been for the activity of the police in suppressing many of them there would have been a far different story to tell.

These crooks may not be connected with the show, but certainly they do not follow in it; wake from week to week without the knowledge or consent of the management.

Several times these crooks set up their skin games only to be suppressed by P. M. Hagan who, by appointment of the mayor, was serving as special police. They had tents or stalls and therefore could not operate along with the carnival proper without the management's knowledge.

In addition there were all kinds of light fingered gentry and sneak thieves.

At least six Palatka homes were robbed by these people during the week. They were those of Henry Broward, Mr. Fields of the G. S. & F. R'y office, Dr. Sikes, Horace Blaney, Mrs. Jennings, H. Couper and E. Alderman. Watches, diamonds and other jewelry were taken, and other valuables. Fortunately much of this was recovered.

Two men were arrested; they are New York sneak thieves, and gave their names as Frank Hall and Harry Gelhardt. They were assisted by a little nigger boy they impressed into their service after coming to Palatka. He is under arrest. His name is Johnnie Graham.

The police were worried about these robberies. They had captured the little negro boy, but were puzzled over his principals. One night Officer Hagan saw a young white man looking at a physician's thermometer several times as if he was at a loss to know what it was. He asked him where he got it and the boy said it was given him by one of the boys over at the "Whip." Mr. Hagan went with the boy over there and found that the statement was true. But he took the young man in just the same, and through him he was successful in locating the two thieves now under arrest and being held to the grand jury. The little negro boy has identified them as the ones who engineered the house robberies.

"The city was full of crooks during this carnival," said Mr. Hagan, "and had not we been on the watch constantly there would have been some luscious skin games to chronicle."

Officers in the larger cities of the State have received word not to allow these "snow birds" and tramps to linger in town, but to drive them out, and The News believes that Chief Livingston is going to keep them out of Palatka.

Miss Merryday, Hostess.

One of the most enjoyable parties of the holiday season was that given by Miss Ellene Merryday last evening in honor of Miss Kathleen Hilburn, who is home for her Christmas vacation from Ward-Belmont college. Miss Dorothy Davis, Miss Florence Hodgson, Miss Dorothy Merriam and Miss Merryday's house guests, the Misses Susan Fraleigh and Dorothy Beegs of Madison.

The young men invited were Messrs. Bert Hodge, Jack Merriam, Cromwell Anderson, Harry Keller, Lew Barstow, Mercer Davis, Fred Leeks and Glenn Bayley of Stetson University.

The chaperones were Mrs. S. J. Hilburn and Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Rosser of Jacksonville.

The guests were first taken to the Grand theater where they enjoyed the pictures and from there they proceeded to the Merryday home where angel food cake and fruit salad were served. A small Christmas tree loaded with favors was the surprise of the evening; the favors for the girls were vanity bags and for the boys, tie racks.

Dancing was then enjoyed to the music furnished by the Victrola. The guests made merry till a late hour.

Dancing Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trombley were host and hostess for a dancing party at their lovely home last evening, having as their guests Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Leeks, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Barnett, and sister, Mrs. Barron of DeLand and mother, Mrs. Truman, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John Roseborough, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fearnside, Mr. and Mrs. Hickman Collins and Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Hedick, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wilson, Mr. A. E. Wilson, Miss Mahel Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ramsaur, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grimm. Refreshments of punch and sandwiches were served.

COUNTY OFFICES CHANGE ON TUESDAY

New Officials to Take Hold at Putnam County Court House.

Newly elected officials of Putnam county will take office next Tuesday, and as a result of the primaries and November election the changes will be numerous.

County Clerk Hutchinson retires in favor of R. J. Hancock, who for some eight years has served as County Tax Collector.

County Judge Haskell will retire to private life and will practice law. He has made Putnam county a most painstaking, careful official and as a result of his work the records of his office are up to the minute. He will be succeeded by Attorney Julian C. Calhoun, one of the youngest officials ever to hold place in the court house.

P. M. Hagan will become sheriff in place of Sheriff R. Lee Kennerly, for the past eight years one of the most popular of our county officials. Mr. Hagan served long as a deputy under Mr. Kennerly and is familiar with all details of his office. He has also served as Chief of Police of Palatka, deputy United States Marshal, and as deputy collector of Internal Revenue.

Randall Wells, formerly county surveyor, will succeed Mr. Hancock as county tax collector. He is a young man, born and reared in Putnam county and his friends are predicting for him a popular administration.

C. H. Price, who is a father of a very young family and has an additional incentive to make good schools for the county, will succeed Prof. J. D. Cottingham as superintendent of schools. Prof. Cottingham, who has made an excellent superintendent, will retire temporarily to private life.

Henis Peterman will continue as supervisor of registration; unlike the others his office is not elective. He was appointed by Gov. Trammell and his term began with July 13th last. He is nominated in the primary like other officials, and the governor is committed to the policy of appointing whoever is the nominee of the primary. That was Henis.

Col. A. S. Willard who has been serving as county treasurer for the past two years will render an account to the commissioners and retire. He is the last of a long line of county treasurers, the office having been abolished by vote of the people, to whom the question was submitted by the legislature of 1913.

The new board of county commissioners will meet also next Tuesday. The board will be composed of Messrs. W. C. Alvers, C. E. Rowton, G. A. Turner, W. R. Revels and W. H. Worley. Messrs. Alvers and Rowton succeeded themselves. Mr. Turner succeeds Mr. Waldron of East Palatka, Mr. Revels of Florham succeeds Mr. Hancock of Bostwick, and Mr. Worley succeeds Mr. E. B. Perry of Melrose.

The only change on the school board is Mr. N. L. McRae who succeeds Mr. E. R. Conway.

Roundtree-Perry Wedding.

Miss Naomi Perry, youngest daughter of County Commissioner and Mrs. E. B. Perry of the Melrose district, was united in marriage to Mr. H. A. Roundtree of McMeekin last Sunday, the 24th inst. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents at 9:30 in the morning in the presence of the immediate families and a few intimate friends and was performed by Rev. Mr. Rowles.

Morning Party.

Miss Ellene Merryday entertained a few friends informally Wednesday morning to meet her sister, Mrs. Harwood Rosser of Jacksonville, and to enjoy the Christmas display of lovely gifts. The Victrola furnished fine music and as a surprise to the guests, Master Barkley Rosser gave several piano selections in a manner that showed the talent the young man possesses, which some day will make a musician of more than ordinary ability. The friends asked in were Mrs. J. H. Randolph, Jr., of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Charles P. Cooper of Jacksonville, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Warner Hamm. Miss Merryday served angel food cake and fruit jellatin.

Husson-Evans Nuptials.

The wedding of Lieut. W. Moragne Husson and Miss Mary Elizabeth Murrell Evans which was set for January third, 1917, has been changed to the evening of Saturday, December 30th on account of the traveling orders received by Lieut. Husson from the War Department. The wedding will take place in St. Mark's Episcopal church, and the bridal party will include, beside the bride and groom, Miss Cecile Jones as maid of honor, and Lieut. A. G. Rudd, best man, both cousins of the groom; Misses Margaret Willard and Winnifred Haughton, as maids of honor, and the ushers, Julian Sutherland, Leon Despland, Howard Gardner and George Selden. Mrs. D. J. Coughlin will preside at the organ. Mrs. E. C. Chamberlain will render a vocal solo and the ceremony will be read by the rector Rev. C. R. D. Crittenton. Lieut. Husson has received orders to report at Fort Leavenworth by Jan. 3rd, 1917 and thither he will take his bride.



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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS

The year of 1916 has been the most prosperous year of our twenty years of business and we wish to thank our many FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS for their patronage and we hope to serve you in the future with the same "BETTER SERVICE" that you have found in the past at THE BIG STORE.

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